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## Public Notice #11 2020 Coronavirus Response

April 6, 2020 11:00 A.M.

The Town of Douglas received notice of its first case of COVID-19 on March 24. As of 9:00 AM today, the Town now has had a total of 16 (sixteen) confirmed cases. It is important to note that of that total, a number have recovered and completed their quarantine period.

Over the next two weeks, the number of total reported cases will go up, as the combination of additional testing and increased development of symptoms in those exposed before preventive measures began in earnest run their course. State government has consistently warned that the "surge" of cases in Massachusetts will begin at the end of this week and last for approximately 10 (ten) days.

The Town continues to take a proactive stance when it comes to planning for a deepening of the public health situation and resulting economic disturbance. A substantial number of Town employees have been reassigned to work under the direction of the Adult Social Center director, Patrice Rousseau. The effort to reach out to seniors, especially those living alone or in remote parts of Town, is in full swing. Hundreds of calls have been made.

Ms. Rousseau is also coordinating food deliveries to people who self-identify in our wellness calls as needing assistance. Just over 70 (seventy) have requested extra help obtaining basic nutrition. Pulling together supplies, volunteers and delivery capability, all while observing safe distancing and other critical policies, has taken a great deal of effort. If you wish to be of assistance, please leave a message at the Adult Social Center, 508-476-2283.